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The Shanghai Mercury has recently directed notice to our article on China by the late Sir Walter Medhurst which appeared in the Contemporary Review some two years ago. "Many things," wrote Sir Walter, "conspire to show that the days of the ruling dynasty are numbered; and who can say, when the catastrophe does come, whether the huge but crumbling fabric will ever be reconstructed? If so, whose will be the head and hand that will accomplish the task? The probability is that the Empire will, in spite of the marvellous homogeneity which characterizes its people, at once lose its cohesion, and break up into a number of petty chiefdoms; and one may well imagine the grievous and protracted misery that must follow upon such a dissolution." Postulating the splitting up of the Empire as an event necessarily in the near future, Sir Walter went on to speculate as to what Western Power would in such a case be considered a suitable instrument for carrying out the work of reconstruction. The sphere of selection he took to be limited, and the choice practically confined to two, England and Russia, and one Power having a mission or interest likely to impel its influence eastwards. He concluded, however, that "any idea that England will ever deliberately enter upon the possession of even a part of Chinese territory may at once be dismissed as unworthy to be entertained." Russia, he went on to point out, would on the other hand be ready to intervene whenever opportunity offered, in pursuit of her acquisitive policy. The views of the writer as to the days of the dynasty being numbered, have so far not been confirmed. The disturbances along the Yangtze Valley during the last summer might have taken the evidence in that direction had they not been suppressed in a manner which shows that the arm of the Government at Peking is still strong enough to maintain its hold on the country. In fact the one with which the disturbances—whether purely anti-foreign or purely anti-dynasty—has been brought to an end raises the presumption that it could never have arisen had it not been for the supposition and criminal indifference of the Government.

But if Sir Walter Medhurst was mistaken as to the vitality of the Manchu dynasty, recent events have shown the correctness of his views as to Russia's aspirations to secure domination in China. The semi-official *Politische Correspondenz* avers that the reason for Russia's abstaining from making common cause with the other Powers lies in the fact that her interests in China are in no way identical with theirs. Russia, states the writer, as the immediate neighbour of China, regards the present disturbances from another standpoint than the other nations of Europe. "The present disorders are undoubtedly in their character, and are directed quite as much against the Government as against the people resident in the Celestial Empire. It is not Russia's interest to strengthen the hands of the central Government in China, as such a course would indirectly increase England's already powerful influence in that Asia. Russia must, therefore, in two directions observe the greatest caution. She must, on the one hand, guard against her commercial relations with China being disturbed, which would certainly be the case if force were used against that Power; and, on the other, she must take care that her East Asian possessions are not injuriously affected by the extension of England's sphere of influence in that part of the world." The idea of Russia, with Nihilism eating into her own vitals, favouring anarchy in another country is not a pleasant one, but in strictest it is often held that the end justifies the means.

The impression is steadily growing that the foreign Powers will be satisfied with the indemnification of the sufferers by the recent riots and the punishment of the ringleaders and a few of the most culpable officials. It will be very regrettable if the demand for the opening up of Hunan should be abandoned, but the probability seems to be that it is not to be insisted upon. The notion that the riotous movement was to some extent anti-dynastic and that the Imperial Government was itself threatened will account for the ill-considered moderation of the Powers. Had the movement been really anti-dynastic they might have paused to consider whether it was worth while to help in bolstering up the Manchu rule in China, but so far the outbreaks against foreigners have been unaccompanied by any outbreaks against the native Authorities, and the idea that there was rebellion in the air seems to rest on no better basis than that of hasty assumption. It may be that the disorders were to some extent anarchical in their character, but there is evidently no organised movement tending to open revolution; the real root of the matter is simple hatred of the foreigner, a hatred in which the officials share and which they have done little to prevent the riotous expression of. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the issue of the Imperial decree condemning the outrages was obtained, and although the Imperial Government would be practically loath to launch the country on a war with one or more of the European Powers, the indignity and injury heaped upon foreigners have no doubt been viewed with secret sympathy at Peking itself. What interest, it may be asked, have the Powers in supporting a Government which fails in affording proper protection to foreigners resident in the country, which shows so little disposition to advance along the lines of modern progress, and whose administration is based on the greatest equity system? They could have no interest at all in doing so if there were any prospect of the present Government's being replaced by a better one; but there is the rub. Another native dynasty would probably be no better than the present one and might be worse, while the Powers could hardly agree on a peaceable division of the country. Russia is jealous of England and England of Russia, while France would be glad to play off one against the other, and the remaining Powers would want to have a say in the matter. Sound policy seems to demand the maintenance of a strong Government at Peking, and in the absence of better material the Manchu dynasty cannot with prudence be set aside. But if the Powers give their moral support to the dynasty they ought on the other hand to insist on the Government affording adequate protection to foreigners, not merely by making a show of force after more or less burning, looting, and murdering, but by nipping any anti-foreign movement in the bud. As satisfaction for the recent outrages the opening up of Hunan ought to be strictly insisted upon. If the Chinese Government say the task is beyond their power, then let the foreign Powers interested, or England alone if the others will not join, lend her such assistance as may be necessary. If the Peking Government pleads weakness it is hardly in a position to refuse assistance; however distasteful such assistance may be and however unwelcome the purpose to which it is to be applied.

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Yesterday morning about eleven o'clock the ferry launch *Morning Star* ran into and capsized a sampan. The two occupants were rescued without difficulty.

The British gunboat *Liverpool* arrived at Shanghai on the 11th inst. from Ningbo, and the Japanese cruiser *Yamato* arrived on the same day from Nagasaki.

The Regatta has been fixed for Thursday and Friday, 14th and 15th November. The stevedores and crew for the Chairman's cup will be picked at 6 p.m. on Wednesday next.

The Band of the S. S. Highlanders will give a concert in the Public Gardens on Wednesday evening, particulars of which will be found in our advertisement columns.

The Daily Press says that some stores have started a new industry in Shanghai and have been unloading the glass ports of the colonies of ships. Quite a number have been stolen recently.

Serfor J. de la S. Spanish Consul, forwarded to us on Saturday the following translation of a telegram received by him from Manila: "Typhoon taking effect this morning in the China Sea, taking a direction nearly westerly."

The N. C. Daily News says:—It is rumored that the Spanish mail-boat *Yolanda*, on passage as a steamer, is about to be relieved by the *Don Alvaro* from Manila. This vessel belongs to the class of unprotected cruisers. She carries 5 guns, and is 1,130 tons burden and 1,600 horse-power.

The U. S. gunboat *Palos* left Chinkiang for Hongkong on the 11th inst., and the U. S. gunboat *Albatross* on the 12th inst. The Italian mail-boat *Volturno* arrived at Chinkiang on the 11th inst. from Hongkong, and is to leave again on the 12th inst. for Shanghai.

Mr. G. W. F. Playfair, the Chief Manager of the National Bank of China, Limited, left London for this port on Friday last, and is expected to arrive about the middle of next month. Mr. Playfair is a banker of considerable experience, and has been some time manager of the National Bank Corporation at Hongkong, which is a good guarantee of his ability.

The *Kobe Herald* says the German community at Kobe have raised the sum of £1,500 in aid of the distress caused by the recent earthquake. The committee have been distributing the money to the distressed, and the funds have been distributed as follows:—Orphan children, £500; widows, £500; and the remainder to the distressed.

A medical commission has been appointed at Shanghai to consider the means to be taken to put an end to the epidemic of cholera and prevent its return. The epidemic, which has been only a slight and brief visitation to the Asiatic population, no European having been attacked, already shows signs of dying out, but various recommendations have been made by the commission for the improved sanitation of the town.

The returns of the Collector of Stamp Revenue for October last, show a total decrease in the revenue of £1,431.13 compared with the corresponding month of last year. The chief items showing decline were:—Revenue from stamps, £853.4; revenue from duties on goods, £544.1; revenue from duties on opium, £207.60. The only notable increase shown was in duties on goods, £1,431.13, and revenue from duties on opium, £207.60.

A tremendous gale, says the *Peking Gazette*, from the south-east swept over the eastern portion of Peking early on the morning of the 1st inst. The harbour was like one of foam, the sea rolling and breaking heavily, and there were many casualties. The steamer *Ching Ching* dashed against the steam launch *Prang*, causing a good deal of damage to the latter. Two launches got upset and capsized, and two other launches and about fifty sampans were driven, and some of the jetties and some of the sea wall, and were smashed up. No. 8 buoy in the south channel and No. 10 buoy in the north channel were carried off by the wind and waves, and the sea wall was broken up in several places. The damage to the sea wall was estimated at about £10,000. The gale also did much damage to the buildings in the city, and many people were killed and injured. The gale also did much damage to the buildings in the city, and many people were killed and injured.



## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

**VESSELS EXPECTED.**

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**  
The C. P. M. steamer *Campanian* is expected  
at Shanghai at 8 p.m. on the 14th, and is  
8 a.m. to-day.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
The P. & O. steamer *Albatross*, w.  
America mail of the 1st October left  
hence on the 11th, and may be expected  
17th inst.

**THE INDIAN MAIL.**  
The steamer *Aradon*, w. *Agave*, with  
mail, left Singapore on the 12th, and  
here on the 13th inst.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
The M. M. steamer *McCarrie*, w.  
French mail of the 10th October, left  
Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 12th, and may be expected  
on the 19th inst. This packet brings re-  
letters despatched from Hongkong on 9th  
inst.

**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**  
The Asiatic Kangaroo steamer *McL*  
left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 8th, and  
here on the 16th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Venetia* left Singapore on the 8th inst. at 0.30 p.m. and is due here the 16th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Glamorgan* left Singapore on the 9th and is due here the 16th inst.

The China Mutual steamer *Pingency* London and Liverpool, left Singapore the 11th and is due here on the 18th inst.

The M. M. steamer *Oryx*, with the hom. French mail, left Shanghai at 2 p.m. the 15th and is due on the 18th inst.

The steamer *Gaopei* left Singapore the 12th and is due here on the 19th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Ranban* left Hong

177 this port on the 6th inst.  
The China Mutual steamer *Ningchow*  
the Canal on the 9th inst.

434 POST-OFFICE NOTICES

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office  
11.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Lettice Boats  
the Cars by 12 and 3.40 o'clock Trams.  
Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4.30

448 The Postal Circular for 1891, issued by  
will be found in the *Chinese and English*  
P. XXVI. This is the only authorized  
Summary of Postal information published  
Hongkong.

50 The authorized List of Mails in  
connection with this paper is the one pub-  
lished each day in our Edition, which is con-

A MAIL WITH CLOSURE.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Swatow*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 10.30 A.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Durante*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Hongkong and *Per Fushin*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per *Dewongse*, to-morrow the 17th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per *Wing Lok*, to-morrow the 17th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ningpa*, to-morrow the 17th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per *Melbourne*, on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Yokohama*, on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

**MAILS BY THE FIENCH PACK**  
The French Contract Packet Office  
is despatched on WEDNESDAY, the  
instant, with mails for the United King-  
dom, and places beyond, viz *Marsette*,  
*Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Calcutta*,  
*Ceylon*, the *Amsterdam Colonies*, *Pondicherry*,  
*Madras*, *Calcutta*, *Adele*, *Mauritius*, *Re*,  
*Malta*, and *Gibraltar*.  
The usual hours will be observed in the  
month of May.  
The Post Office declines all responsibility  
for Unregistered Letters containing Bank  
Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration  
has been neglected, will make no enquiries  
in case of loss of such letters.

**HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLAND**

**AND FRENCH MAILS.**  
**With the Packet for the Jour de Noon.**  
 The following rates will be observed in all the mails for Europe, &c. by the English & French Packets, when they leave at Noon.  
 Money Order Office will be closed at 5 p.m.

- 8.00 a.m.—Posting of Prices Current and other notices.
- (Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted if they are sent in by the same country by country, with the addresses all one.)
- 10.00 a.m.—Registry offices.
- 10.50 a.m.—Posting of newspapers, books, &c.
- 11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

**LATE LETTERS** may be posted (from A.C.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 a.m., which later fee may be sent on by the same late fee.

**MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET**  
The German Contract Packet *Sachsen* is despatched on SATURDAY, the 11th 1/2, with Mail for the United Kingdom, India and countries beyond via Brindisi; to Straite Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c. Regular steaming at 11.00 P.M. The mail closes 2 P.M.

**LAST LETTERS till 9.30 P.M. with 10 o'clock postage.**

The Post Office declines all responsibility for loss of letters containing Bank Notes, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected will make no enquiries alleged losses of such covers.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
The United States Mail Packet City of New York

will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., with Mails for Japan, Asia, Francisco, United States, Canada, Honolulu, Fern, which will be closed as follows:—  
0.15 p.m., Registry cases,  
0.30 p.m., Post Office closed, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Fanket with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until time of departure.  
The Post Office declines all responsibility Unregistered Letters containing Bank Note, Cash, or Jewellery, and where Registration been neglected, and no enquires alleged losses of such letters.

AND SINGAPORE.

**"GLENHARRY"**

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed, that the vessel, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at the wharf, and later the goods at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whences delivery may be obtained.

Any consignment of opium will be forwarded inland to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby put on their guard against claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 13th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

of LAMBE will be despatched at  
 JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 8th November, 1891. 1245  
 LINDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
 COMPANY, LIMITED.  
 FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND  
 SINGAPORE.  
**T**he Company's Steamship  
 "WINGSANG,"  
 having arrived from the above ports, Consignees  
 cargo by her are hereby informed that their  
 goods will be delivered from alongside.  
 Consignees are requested to be ready to receive their  
 cargo on board after the 15th instant will be landed.  
 Consignees risk and expense into Godown as  
 their Port.  
 If no insurance will be effected. Bill  
 of Lading to be presented.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 10th November, 1891. (2400)



